

The Commonwealth.

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TOBACCO MARKET SURE.

TWO WAREHOUSES CONTRACTED FOR.

Arrangements For Prize Houses.



THE COMMONWEALTH is authorized by a number of the best men in Scotland Neck to say that if there has been any doubt about the Scotland Neck tobacco market since the matter was agitated a few weeks ago, it is now settled. Two warehouses have been provided for, the contracts drawn up and everything thoroughly understood.

Arrangements have been made also for two prize houses and more if they should be needed.

The farmers of the community need no longer hesitate about preparing to raise a tobacco crop; for Scotland Neck will furnish an ample market.

Persons who have been interested in tobacco culture for years have given their opinion freely that the lands contiguous to Scotland Neck are amongst the best in the State, if not the best.

The various markets to which tobacco has been carried have said also that the Scotland Neck tobacco is amongst the very best they have handled.

All things considered, the prospects are fine for a first class tobacco market in Scotland Neck this year. Already a number of inquiries have come in from persons who desire to manage the warehouses and one warehouse-man has come here from another town to look into the matter personally.

THE COMMONWEALTH may have some special feature next week relative to Scotland Neck's tobacco interest and the possibilities of making this a first class market the first year. All who feel any interest in the matter will do the enterprise a favor by giving any information they may have to THE COMMONWEALTH.

Our people have decided to have a tobacco market and they propose to make a good one from the very start.

AS TO THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

Whether the liquor business is an evil or not, there has been a sharper contest over the question in the State for the past year than we remember ever to have noticed. In a number of counties licenses are not granted at all, and many towns are without barrooms.

The commissioners in the various counties in the State had the question before them the first Monday in this month, and in some counties licenses were not granted.

The commissioners of Brunswick county did not grant licenses to any one.

In Washington county there was a hard fight before the commissioners, and the Plymouth Beacon says that the two Democratic commissioners who were appointed by the provisions of the law, resigned Monday morning before the question of license came up.

W. J. Mercer and W. A. Alexander were the commissioners who resigned. The campaign had been hot for several weeks and the commissioners were asked not to grant licenses. After the two Democratic members resigned it left only three members to vote. Two members voted for license and the chairman voted against license.

The temperance people of Washington county doubtless feel some curiosity as to what caused those two Democrats to resign.

Here in Halifax county, where many people love their dram, there was an effort made before the commissioners to have them refuse to grant license to sell liquor in Roanoke Rapids. And the commissioners did refuse to grant license for the town of Hobgood, because the town commissioners sent a petition asking them not to grant license.

All these things show how the people are regarding the temperance question. There are several thousand fewer licensed liquor saloons in this country than there were a year ago.

A FARMER'S WISE WORDS.

EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words to the one-horse farmers of Halifax county.

It is because I am one of them, and in sympathy with them, that I ask the privilege. It has been said that it is wise to go slow over rough places, and it seems to me that this class of farmers are confronted at this time by some very rough places; indeed they are so rough that they appear almost impassable.

In vain have we looked and hoped for the "wave of prosperity." It has not come, and is not coming. We can not hope for anything from our county, state, or national administration. It is not the kind to help us. We must in this case, (as well as in one of far more importance) "work out our own salvation."

After giving the matter much thought, and considering it in every light in which I am capable, I am convinced that our only hope is based on that one word, "Economy"—not as Webster has defined it, nor as false pride has taught us its meaning, but "Economy" that means almost starvation compared with the way we have heretofore practiced it. Hard times are here, and we are largely responsible for them, and they will remain, unless there is a radical change in the policy pursued by the farmers.

Now, friends, in order to relieve our depressed condition, we must go to the very root of the trouble. We must cut, and cut our expenses, and then cut them again,—keep out of debt, as much as we possibly can to live. We must keep away from town, especially on Saturday. We must keep away from the bar rooms three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. It's a bad sign when the whiskey business alone is flourishing. We must dispense with pride. We have too much of one kind, and not enough of the right kind. What we need is that kind of pride that will make us live within our means—that will make us do any way, and every way (that is honest) to keep clear of debt. That kind of pride that will keep us trying to pay what we owe, that will make us brave enough to wear our old suits until we can pay the cash for a new one; that will enable us to look our fellow-man in the face, and to scorn to do a thing that we are not willing for the whole world to see us do.

I believe in order for us to be true men, and free, we must pursue a course of this kind, and with a firm trust in God, the day is not distant when we will not be obliged to resort to the effects of mean whiskey to make us feel independent. And at the close of each year we will have something left to encourage us to try again.

ONE OF EXPERIENCE.

NEWS FROM ROANOKE RAPIDS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)
ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., Jan. 11, '98.
The knitting mills started up on the third of January, with a full force. Since finding they couldn't meet the demands fast enough, by the twelve hour system, they have put on a night force, in the carding and spinning rooms. A little strike occurred Friday morning among the spinners, which didn't amount to anything. After finding that their game wouldn't work, all but three went back to work on Saturday morning at same place.

There was a dance at the School building last Thursday night, given by the young men of the town.

On Friday night last, the ladies of the M. E. Church gave a lunch party at the school building, which proved successful. The proceeds were for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

Mr. Fred Lynch came down last week from New York, to take charge of the day force of the spinning department in the knitting mills, and Mr. A. Lynch who has had charge of same department since the mill began operation will be on night duty.

Mr. A. L. Robinson who has been living in Wilson for some months, came up Saturday on a visit to his family.

Miss Myrtle Shearin, accompanied by Mr. Isaac Lewis, of Heathsville, spent Sunday in town with friends and relatives.

Rev. R. G. Kendrick, of Weldon, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night. He had a good congregation both times.

Rev. J. H. Frizzelle opened the eyes of his congregation Sunday morning by his strong sermon from the fifth chapter, eleventh verse of The Acts of the Apostles. His sermon also at night was a grand one, which pleased his hearers.

The streets of Roanoke Rapids have been greatly improved during the past week, which adds lots to the looks of the town.

Unregenerate man is a powder magazine with passion and appetite enough to wreck him, if ignited.

A Wonderful Discovery.
The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old household remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

CAROLINA NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Richmond Dispatch Jan. 6.

WASHINGTON, D. C., (Special).—The National Hotel lobby has the appearance to-night of a North Carolina Republican-Populist State convention. There is much whispering and confidentially concurring between Republicans and Populists. If they are not mistaken, the proposed conference will be a love feast. It originated it is said with Senator Butler. He was the medium of communication between Governor Russell and Senator Pritchard, and crossed the Senator's threshold for the first time since his election on his return to Washington this week.

Senator Pritchard cheerfully consented to present the Governor to the President to-morrow. He does not expect the President to reconsider his decision to appoint Bernard Attorney for the Eastern District.

There is much speculation as to what will happen when Butler and Skinner meet in conference. The impression prevails that they will fall into each other's arms and pledge eternal friendship. Senator Pritchard is complete master of the situation. Butler and Skinner are both at his feet, and Russell will take his medicine before he leaves Washington, like a little man.

The writ of error in the Railroad Commission cases was docketed in the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday, and Monday next Mr. Burton, attorney for the Wilsons, will apply for a rule on Pearson and Caldwell to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of the court in defying a writ of supersedeas issued by the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court.

Later, Jan. 28th, a motion will be made in the Supreme Court to dismiss the writ of error. Failing in that, an effort will then be made to advance the case on docket. If not advanced, it will then be a year or longer before the cases will be reached on the docket.

Richmond Dispatch Jan. 7.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Governor Russell went to the White House today, accompanied by Senator Pritchard and Oscar Spears, to present Spears as a compromise candidate for the Eastern District Attorneyship. "It is too late, Governor," said the President in his bland and guileless way. "I decided several days ago to appoint Mr. Bernard." The appointment will probably be made to-morrow.

Governor Russell, after leaving the White House, managed to elude the newspaper people. He breakfasted at the Ebbitt, lunched with Butler, and this evening is Senator Pritchard's guest.

Otho Wilson arrived to-day. He will not go into the Republican-Populist conference, he says, if Butler is admitted. Both Republicans and Populists question Butler's sincerity. We cannot trust him," they say, and they are puzzled to know what to do with him.

WILLIAMSTON PHOTOGRAPHS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., Jan. 12th, 1898.

Rev. B. F. DeLoatch, who spent last year here assisting Rev. A. J. Parker in his work, left for his home in Northampton county last Thursday.

Mrs. G. L. Finch is spending a few days with relatives in Wilmington.

The Methodist congregation are preparing to build a beautiful new church. They hope to get the building completed by next spring or summer.

Mrs. J. Gus Godard of Windsor spent part of last week here visiting her many friends and relatives.

Mrs. Dennis Simmons has been quite sick for the past few days, but is, we are glad to learn, improving.

Our town has just been very much saddened by the death of Mrs. Mary Lanier, which occurred on Saturday last. She was a good woman—an earnest, faithful Christian and has gone to her reward.

Rev. G. W. Fisher, the new pastor for the M. E. Church, has arrived. He has made a good impression on our people.

Rev. G. L. Finch has been called to the Baptist church at Plymouth.

Mr. B. B. Watts, postmaster here, and a leading merchant, died late yesterday afternoon after a long and lingering illness of consumption.

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MARK HANNA RE-ELECTED.

Just before going to press we learn that Mark Hanna was yesterday re-elected by the Ohio Legislature to the United States Senate.

Col. A. B. Andrews is held in contempt of court by the Railroad Commission because he refuses to answer certain questions regarding the issuing of free passes.

Robt. Hancock, president of the North Carolina railroad, is the subject of a shameful, unmentionable scandal in connection with his wife's niece. The News & Observer of Tuesday gave the first news of the disgusting affair.

PRICES 100 YEARS AGO.

SOME ITEMS COPIED BY REV. R. P. SMITH FROM AN OLD BUNCOMBE COUNTY ACCOUNT BOOK.

Gastonia Gazette.

People talk of the good old days of long ago when times were better and money wasn't tight. How would you like to have a dose of old times as they are indicated in the prices copied below from an old account book kept 99 years ago in Buncombe county?

Having an opportunity recently, Rev. R. P. Smith copied some items from such a book in kind remembrance of his home paper. The old book is now owned by Mr. S. W. Davidson, of Swannanoa Valley, Buncombe county. It might have been kept by a blacksmith who ran a store or by a merchant who also ran a smithy. Here are some items copied under date of March, 1798—nearly 100 years ago:

DEBITS.	
To 16 pounds sugar.....	\$4.00
To 2 bushels salt.....	3.00
To 1 gallon whiskey.....	.75
To 1 iron wedge.....	.50
To laying plow.....	.50
To 1 pair shoe soles.....	.50
To one-half yard muslin.....	.37 1/2
To 1 pound powder.....	1.00
To 10 pounds nails.....	2.00
To 1 quire paper.....	.37
To 15 pounds sugar and 6 pounds coffee.....	6.00

CREDITS.

By 3 days' work.....	\$1 37 1/2
By 1 bushel corn.....	50
By 79 pounds beef at 3 ct.....	2 37
By 1 week's work.....	3 00

See that 16 pounds sugar for \$4.00? and a bushel of salt for \$3.00? How do you like it? The price of muslin was out of sight—none was then manufactured in this country, perhaps—all imported. Powder at a dollar a pound was too high to burn at Christmas. At 20 cents a pound people couldn't afford to hit many nails on the head. And people must have had something important to write and wanted to write it mighty bad when they paid 37 cents a quire for paper. Why, the Gazette would be glad to sell you all you want in 20 quire lots at 5 cents a quire and could nearly double its money at that. In other items the contrast with to-day is not so marked, but in the old times when it took a week's work to buy a bushel of salt the contrast is strong enough to make a body faint. He who in those days could earn the salt that went in his bread ought not to have been counted a lazy fellow.

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Commissioner's Land Sale.

By virtue of authority conferred upon me by that decree entered in that action now pending in the Superior Court for Halifax County, entitled G. T. Andrews, A. A. Andrews, E. L. Andrews and C. N. Andrews against C. V. Andrews, Robert Watson and others, I shall sell for Cash, at auction, in Scotland Neck, on Saturday, the 5th day of February, 1898, the lands in said decree fully described, being one lot in the town of Palmyra bounded by the lands of R. B. Owens, L. J. Baker, and by Main Street and containing one acre and the land near Kehukee where John Coughenour has a mill which was conveyed to Stephen Andrews by W. A. Dunn, trustee, and bounded by the lands of Henry Allsbrook, John Allsbrook, and Mrs. Amanda Ferrall, and the road leading to Palmyra and Tarboro and containing one hundred and forty acres more or less. This January 1, 1898.

W. A. DUNN, Commissioner.

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My New Year Greeting—Come secure a Bargain and be happy all the year.

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NOTICE.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Halifax County.

Having qualified as administrators on the estate of David W. Hies, we shall sell the personal property of said Hies, deceased, on the 4th day of January, 1898. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of the said David Hies to make immediate payment and settlement, or the claims will be put into the hands of an officer for collection; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them for payment within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 9th day of December, 1897.

A. E. CARTER,

D. E. LILES,

Administrators.

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